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SUBJECT: TALK WITH FITZGERALD

1. STEPHEN FITZGERALD, AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE PRC, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION DURING A MARCH 14 SESSION AT AMCONGEN.

2. MOVEMENT VICTIMS. FITZGERALD SAID THAT HIS CHINESE CONTACTS HAD "NO INKLING" AS TO TOP LEVEL VICTIMS IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL MOVEMENT. ACCORDING TO THE CONTACTS, THIS WAS IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS CAMPAIGNS WHEN CHINESE GENERALLY KNEW SOME TIME IN ADVANCE WHO WOULD FALL. ONE CONTACT, HOWEVER, KEEPS ASKING FITZGERALD "WHEN DID (POLITBURO MEMBER) YAO WEN-YUAN LAST APPEAR?"

3. POSTERS. FITZGERALD SAW POSTERS IN A HONAN STATION WHICH DEMANDED "GIVE US BACK OUR REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE," AND SAID THE REMOVAL OF REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES WAS THE RESULT OF (RIGHTIST) "RESTORATION." APPARENTLY THE COMMITTEES, WHICH CALL FOR SHARING OF GOVERNMENT POWER BETWEEN PARTY CADRE AND MASS
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REPRESENTATIVES, CONTINUE TO BE A SOURCE OF CONTROVERSY. IN

THE WUHAN STATION, NEW POSTERS ATTACKING EX-HUPEH BOSS TSENG TSU-YU WERE POSITIONED ON THE PASSENGER PLATFORM--PERHAPS TO SIGNAL TRAVELLERS THAT TSENG'S SCALP IS STILL VERY MUCH WANTED THERE. (TSENG IS NOW IN SHANTUNG, AFTER HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED IN THE SHUFFLE OF MILITARY COMMANDERS LAST DECEMBER.)

4. SHANGHAI JOURNAL. FITZGERALD VIEWED THE FEBRUARY STUDY AND CRITICISM ARTICLE WRITTEN BY THE NUMBER 17 COTTON MILL (HONG KONG 0264) AS AN ATTACK ON REHABILITATED CADRE, WHOM HE SAW BLAMED IN THE ARTICLE FOR CAUSING "REVISIONIST BACKSLIDING" IN CHINA. HE SAID THE JOURNAL IS NOW VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN--THE AUSTRALIAN "COPY" (HONG KONG 2819) WAS XEROXED FROM THE CANADIANS', WHICH WAS PURCHASED IN SUBURBAN SHANGHAI.
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